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PATENT SEARCH WITH EXERCISES

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Class 3. Patent Search

1. What is the patent search?

Patent search is not only prerequisite step in patenting procedure but also essential work in conjunction with many business activities, including research, manufacturing, marketing, etc. Patent search is to search and analyze relevant patents in product development step or prior to patent application process so that you can make sure the patentability of your invention and get current technology information and future trend of specific technology area. Also, it helps you to avoid a duplicated research and to invest your money to safe market having no legal problems related to patent.

2. The kinds of patent search

1) Theme Search

Theme searches provide the overview of patents related to your field of interest. These searches are helpful to detect the recent trend of your technology area and to establish your R&D direction

2) Patentability Search

Patentability search is the first step of patenting process. A patentability search surveys patents filed in each national intellectual property office to check whether there exists inventions similar to yours.

3) Infringement Search

Infringement search is to check whether patents which can be infringed by your product launched newly in a certain country exist or not in that country.

4) Invalidity Search